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SUBJECT: THIEU ADDRESSES TEACHERS' MEETING AT THU DUC JUNE 6

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1. REFERENCED FBIS ITEM TRANSMITS A SUMMARY OF A JUNE 6 THIEU SPEECH AS REPORTED BY SAIGON RADIO EVENING SAME DAY. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF SAIGON RADIO COVERAGE OF THE SPEECH. PORTIONS IN QUOTES ARE AS INTERPRETED FROM RADIO REPORTAGE AND MAY NOT BE EXACT.

2. SPEAKING AT TEN A.M. JUNE 6 TO A TEACHERS' GATHERING IN THU DUC, NEAR SAIGON, PRESIDENT THIEU WARNED THAT "SEGMENTS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION HAVE FAILED TO TAKE CLEAR-SIGHTED COGNIZANCE OF THE REAL SITUATION"IN SVN AND REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMUNISTS HAVE LAUNCHED RENEWED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOUTH.

THIEU SAID THE PEOPLE OF SVN MUST "SPEAK THE TRUTH" TO EXPOSE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS, WHO SINCE THE CEASEFIRE HAVE INFILTRATED 150,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS AND THOUSANDS OF TANKS AND ARTILLERY PIECES INTO SVN TO COOPERATE WITH THE 300,000 TROOPS THEY LEFT IN SVN AFTER THE SIGNATURE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

3. THIEU ALSO SPOKE AGAINST THE CONCEPT OF A COALITION WITH THE COMMUNISTS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS BECAUSE THE RVN "RESOLUTELY" OPPOSED A COALITION THAT IT REFUSED TO SIGN THE VERSION OF THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 26, 1973. "OUR PRESENT ACTION," HE SAID, "IS TO CHECK THE COMMUNISTS ARMED AGGRESSION AIMED AT ADVANCING TOWARD A SECOND AGREEMENT WHICH (WOULD BE MORE) FAVORABLE FOR THEM." HE AFFIRMED "THE BASIC STAND OF THE RVN IS THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT (MUST BE RESPECTED AS REGARDS ITS LETTER AND SPIRIT, AND IN ALL ITS ARTICLES, AND THAT THE GENERAL ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD AT THE EARLIEST DATE." PRESIDENT THIEU ASSERTED "THE RVN SIGNED THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND FROM NOW ON ONLY DESIRES THAT ALL THE ARTICLES OF THAT AGREEMENT BE CORRECTLY IMPLEMENTED. AND WE CHALLENGE THE COMMUNISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FREE, GENERAL ELECTIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION".

4. THIEU CONTINUED "THE RVN SIGNED THE AGREEMENT, AND THEREFORE APPEALS TO THE WORLD TO USE ALL ITS INFLUENCE TO FORCE THE COMMUNISTS TO ABIDE BY THE AGREEMENT. THE RVN DOES NOT NEED OR REQUEST MODIFICATIONS IN ANY ARTICLES OF THE AGREEMENT." HE WARNED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT IS RELATED TO PEACE IN ALL OF INDOCHINA; OTHER NATIONS MUST RECOGNIZE THAT IF THEY ALLOW THE COMMUNISTS TO VIOLATE THE PARIS AGREEMENT, "NO ONE WOULD (HENCEFORTH) BELIEVE IN ANY INTERNATIONALLY GUARANTEED AGREEMENT."

5. TURNING TO THE SUBJECT OF FOREIGN AID, PRESIDENT THIEU ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT IS A "SHARP WEAPON" AIDING THE RVN IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST AGGRESSION. HOWEVER, HE ADDED IT IS INCONCEIVABLE THAT TO RECEIVE THIS AID THE RVN MUST SACRIFICE ITS SUPREME NATIONAL INTERESTS "THE RVN WOULD RATHER FIGHT TO THE LAST BULLET AND THE LAST GRAIN OF RICE THAN SURRENDER TO THE COMMUNISTS, EVEN IF THIS WOULD ENABLE THE RVN TO RECEIVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF AID."

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6. FBIS IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING VERBATIM EXCERPTS WHICH APPEARED IN VIETNAM PRESS JUNE 7.
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